

Admission into reception (age 5)

Entitlement

Your child will start reception the term before their 5th birthday. They can start full time from September. In some rare circumstances, part-time options are available for parents who feel that their child is not yet ready for full time school. Please ask at the office for more information.

School Hours

- morning session (8.40am – 11.30am)
- lunchtime (11.30am – 12.30pm) children may stay at school for a hot school meal, bring sandwiches or go home for lunch
- afternoon session (12.30pm – 3.00pm)

Frequently Asked Questions: -

Will my child automatically get a place at High Hazels Academy when they are five?

No. You must apply for a school place through the Local Authority. The council will send you an application pack through the post. Parents can also come to the school office and ask for an application form. If you need help filling in the form, our office staff can support you. The school admin will also send you a reminder about this. Our Pastoral team is available to support parents with the completion of the form. Please contact school office to arrange an appointment.

My child already attends The Oaks at High Hazels Nursery. Do I still have to apply for a school place?

Yes. You must apply for a school place through the local authority. There is no reason why your child who is attending our Oaks Nursery to not get a place in our Reception, provided you have applied for a place through the local authority and we have available places.

Is my child more likely to get a place in school if they are in The Oaks Nursery?

No. Places in school are given out based on the local authority criteria. It doesn't matter which nursery your child has attended. The school has no say in whether or not your child is awarded a place here. However, we know that children who attend our Oaks Nursery go on to achieve better than other children. So we would encourage all parents to send their children to our nursery.

Can my child take up a school place after attending another nursery setting?

Yes. High Hazels will work closely with your child's current nursery setting to make sure that they have a happy transition to High Hazels Academy when they are due to start reception. Your child will come and visit the reception setting and meet their new teachers in the term before their admission.